

**Texas Master Naturalist - Hill Country Chapter  
Board Meeting  
August 18, 2010**

**Present :** Laura Baker, Koy Coffey, Steve Dodge, Cathy Downs, John Huecksteadt, Susan Longacre, Sandy Pena, Jim Stanley, Priscilla Stanley, Gracie Waggener

With all Board Members present, President John Huecksteadt called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Acceptance of July Minutes :** The Board reviewed the Minutes from the July meeting. Susan Longacre moved to approve the minutes, and Steve Dodge seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report :** Treasurer Cathy Downs presented the Treasurer's Report for July. Jim Stanley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Susan Longacre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**October Board Meeting :** The date of the Board Meeting in October will be moved to October 19, due to a Forbs ID Class on Wednesday, and the State Texas Master Naturalist meeting.

**Pointer for Projector :** The Board discussed and agreed to purchase a new pointer for the projector. Jim Stanley will find and purchase the pointer for the Chapter.

**2011 Nominating Committee :** Jim Stanley will be heading up the nominating committee for new Board Members. He asked that those members with only one year of service contact him with their intentions to either stay on, or perhaps take another position on the Board. He would also like suggestions from members for good officer candidates.

**Upper Cibolo Landowners :** John Huecksteadt reported that the Chapter has received a donation check from the Upper Cibolo Land Owners.

**Officers and Directors Reports :**

**Membership:** Koy Coffey reported that she has received a request from a landowners group in Hunt for a speaker for their Homeowners meeting. Jim Stanley will look into the date and time to see if his calendar is open for that date, and will speak to the group.

The Board discussed the need to create a Speaker List, so that Chapter members who wish to do public speaking can be contacted with the opportunities when there is a request for a presentation. Susan Longacre will look onto creating such a list, along with the criteria of a speaker's knowledge and ability to give informed correct presentations.

The ever changing new class roster is once again updated.

**Vice President :** Sandy Pena reported that the August meeting was attended by up to 130 people. She has asked Wendy Gordon from Texas Park and Wildlife to be the speaker for September. The topic will be the effect of climate change on rare and endangered species, and phenology. The speaker for October will be Mike Krueger, also with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

**Volunteer Projects :** Priscilla Stanley has updated the volunteer projects list in preparation of the new classes beginning. She also reported that Linda Ross has taken over as coordinator of the Enchanted Rock project.

Priscilla is still looking for volunteers to help with the Down by the Riverside event in October.

Priscilla is also working with Martha Miesch on a new project for the Salvation Army Kroc Center. The Center would like to have volunteers from the Chapter plan and present a nature program every two weeks or every month. Priscilla will send out an email to the Chapter when there are more details available.

The Board also discussed the question of the interpretation of the Standards of Conduct passage regarding volunteer hours or receiving remuneration. Priscilla will contact Michelle Haggerty for a clarification of the question.

**Advanced Training :** Steve Dodge is now sending out the notices and codes for the Advanced Training since the Grovesite website is no longer updating those. He will continue to post new events as they come up.

**New Class Representative :** Laura Baker thanked the Board for help with the Heritage School, and Koy Coffey who has met with the school about presentations.

**Communications :** The newsletter and newspaper articles are all being published. The LMAP Project is now in the Boerne and Hill Country Weekly papers.

Phyllis Muska is working on the Chapter's new website to get it to look and run like the Grovesite web page that member are used to using.

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**New Classes** : Class Director Cathy Downs updated the Board on all of the upcoming new class events. The Mentors meeting has been held, and all class materials have been distributed to the students.

The members with displays of volunteer projects for the first class day have all been contacted and confirmed.

Michelle Haggerty has agreed to address the new class at the August Chapter Meeting and New Class Reception. Phyllis Muska will present a slide show of different Chapter events.

All of the speakers for the first week of class have been contacted and confirmed.

With all Chapter business discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at Riverside Nature Center in the Nature Science Lab. All Hill Country Chapter members and advisors are always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Gracie Waggener

Secretary